

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE on 04/29/2004 and Amendment on 03/30/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-58.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-58 examined.
2. It is hereby acknowledged that the following papers have been placed of record in the file: Notice of Allowance mailed to Applicant on 01/29/2004, Request for Continued Examination received on 04/29/2004 and Amendment received on 03/30/2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claim 1-58 allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The manner in which the administrative module and the first proxy server cooperate together as claimed in the independent claims and as explained in the specification has not been found in the prior art of record in combination with the remaining limitations of the independent claims.

Further, a second proxy server without the administrative module of the first proxy server in the environment of filtering internet usage via friendly and unfriendly lists has not been found in the prior art of record in combination with the remaining limitations of the independent claims.
5. The previously cited reference Bradshaw et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,835,722, discloses a full system for filtering objectionable content. The previously cited reference Epstein et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,584,508, utilizes two proxies in conjunction with a filter, but the two proxies exist within a single system and thus do not "have a network communication link between them" as limited by applicant's independent claim. Additionally, the two proxies do not differ with respect to the administrative module as applicant has claimed. The IDS reference Wesinger, Jr. et al. 5,898,830, utilizes multiple firewalls between a client and the Internet, but these firewalls do not differ with respect to the administrative module as applicant has claimed.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott M. Collins whose telephone number is 571.272.3934. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on 571.272.6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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